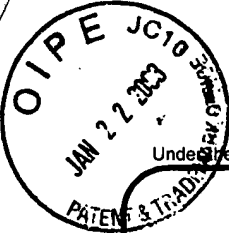


1638



PTO/SB/21 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

# TRANSMITTAL FORM

(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)

|                        |          |
|------------------------|----------|
| Applicati n Number     | TBD      |
| Filing Dat             | TBD      |
| First Named Inventor   | Zhang    |
| Group Art Unit         | 1638     |
| Examiner Name          |          |
| Attorney Docket Number | 60170CIP |

Total Number of Pages in This Submission 6

## ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment / Reply<br><input type="checkbox"/> After Final<br><input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request<br><input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request<br><input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement<br><input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application<br><input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 | <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers<br><input type="checkbox"/> Petition<br><input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application<br><input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address<br><input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer<br><input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund<br><input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group<br><input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences<br><input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information<br><input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): |
| <div>RECEIVED<br/>JAN 24 2003<br/>TECH CENTER 1600/2900</div>   |   |  |

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

|                         |                  |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Firm or Individual name | Edouard G. Lebel |
| Signature               |                  |
| Date                    | 01/17/2003       |

## CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on this date: 1-17-2003

|                       |                   |      |            |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------|------------|
| Typed or printed name | Laneisha C. Hayes |      |            |
| Signature             |                   | Date | 01/17/2003 |

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 0.2 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.



CASE 60170P1  
Application No. 10/091,154

#6  
Pre-  
Grant A

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to the: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Laneisha C. Hayes  
Type or print name

*Laneisha C. Hayes*  
Signature

1-17-2003  
Date

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

ZHANG

APPLICATION NO: 10/091,154

CONFIRMATION NO: 6017

FILED: March 5, 2002

FOR: ENHANCED POLLENIZER AND METHOD FOR INCREASING SEEDLESS WATERMELON  
YIELD

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 2327  
Arlington, VA 22202

RECEIVED

JAN 24 2003

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Sir:

Please amend the specification and the claims of the above-mentioned application in advance of prosecution.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 12 as follows:

A'  
Applicants have made a deposit of at least 2500 seeds of enhanced watermelon pollenizer line NO1F3203B with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC), Manassas, Virginia, 20110-2209 U.S.A., ATCC Deposit No: PTA-4856. This deposit of the enhanced watermelon pollenizer line NO1F3203B will be maintained in the ATCC depository, which is a public depository, for a period of 30 years, or 5 years after the most recent request, or for the effective life of the patent, whichever is longer, and will be replaced if it becomes nonviable during that period. Additionally, Applicants have satisfied all